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Applicants :Tetsuo NAGANO et al.

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Examiner : Bernard Dentz

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For : FLUORESCENT PROBES

**STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW AND REQUEST FOR VACATING OFFICE ACTION  
AND MAILING OF OFFICE ACTION STATING NEW SHORTENED STATUTORY  
PERIOD FOR REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

Applicants express appreciation for the March 22, 2010 telephone call between Examiner Bernard Dentz and Applicants' representative Arnold Turk.

During the March 22, 2010 call, Applicants' representative informed the Examiner that the Office Action mailed March 12, 2010 was incomplete because, in particular, the Office Action stated that a supplementary rejection will be mailed shortly which would include an English translation of one of the cited references. Applicants' representative requested that the Examiner vacate the Office Action of March 12, 2010.

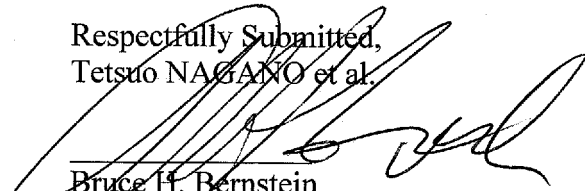
The Examiner indicated that that he would vacate the Action of March 12, 2010 and mail a new Office Action. Therefore, Applicants' representative requested that the Action be vacated shortly because the time for responding to the March 12, 2010 Action would not stop until the

Office Action is formally vacated. Accordingly, Applicants' representative indicated that an Interview Summary will be filed to ensure that the request to vacate the Action is on the record.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required for consideration and/or entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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